

The month of February conjures up images of love, and SBSB decided to make them images of God's love and of loving devotion to our awesome group. We moved prayer time to the beginning of Thursday's practices and received assigned groups of three people as prayer buddies for the month- that way, we could save time but also make prayer and God our first priority during practices. We also began to seriously consider what going on Spring Break '09 actually meant and the plans, executed by Matt Boyle, Robert Kollenberg and Jeff Hu, finally crystallized. Realizing the little amount of time we had left before we embarked for Boston (which meant we really weren't that far off from the spring concert,) we began learning songs at a rapid pace.

Amy Ehman's arrangement of "For Good" proved to be incredibly wonderful but also incredibly difficult. Hours of practice time finally got it into our heads that we needed to be super quiet on the background so the soloists could come through and that we needed to learn our notes as soon as possible. Our newest member and delight to our group, Bryan Choi, got a solo in Angels and Airwave's "The Adventure," whose arrangement by Minxi Rao we quickly added as a fun, quick-paced song to our repertoire. Colin Adams also received the solo he'd been hoping for in Lifehouse's "Everything." Finally, we started a fun but difficult-to-memorize arrangement of Michael Jackson's "Will You Be There?" which combines solos from a bunch of members: Robert Kollenberg, Andrew Wong, Elizabeth Axelson, Jennifer Blocker and Courtney McIntyre.

We continued to revisit all our old pieces to make sure they were still in good condition and to get Bryan, the tenor we'd been searching for, accustomed to our music. The girls also found themselves shifting around a little bit (well, really just Karmel) in order to cover the loss of our soprano, Ashton and two altos, Minxi and Clara. While we still miss them, Karmel has done a fabulous job on alto and the imbalance seems to maybe be working in SBSB's favor. Additionally, we also had a fun social event where SBSB took their talents to the bowling lanes of Durham and you can only imagine the shenanigans that occurred there.

Each group prayer time, we reaffirmed our desire to be a light for Christ on Duke's campus through the sharing of our music because God's love is the best Valentines present you can ever receive.